GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:523
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2007
SHORTAGE OF HOUSING UNITS
Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of housing units in the country ;

(b) if so, the estimated shortage of housing units by the end of Tenth Plan ;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target regarding construction of housing units in the Eleventh Plan period ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total funds required for the purpose; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 523 FOR 11.5.2007 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF HOUSING UNITS.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Technical Group on Estimation of Urban Housing Shortage was constituted by the Government. The Group has estimated housing shortage of 24.71 million at the end of the Tenth Plan in urban areas of country.

(c)to(e): As per the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution, the subject matter pertaining to Housing has been allocated to State. However, the Government of India has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to cope with the problem of shortage in housing and infrastructure services in a mission mode for 63 select cities under Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP). For remaining cities, a scheme namely Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has also been launched under JNNURM. The component of assistance under the scheme includes upgradation and new construction of houses and infrastructural facilities like water supply and sanitation as part of slum improvement. Both BSUP and IHSDP are demand driven schemes and the fixation of targets as well as quantum of progress depends upon proposals submitted by State Governments/ Local bodies.Further, an amount of Rs.30 crores has been allocated in the Budget for 2007-2008 for the Interest Subsidy Scheme for the promotion of housing with special emphasis on weaker sections of society.The requirement of funds for meeting the Housing shortage at the beginning of XI Plan Period has been estimated as Rs.147195.00 crores as per the Working Group report on Urban Housing with focus on upgradation of slums for the 11th Five Year Plan period (2007-2012).